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For: MEASURING DEVICE, PARTICULARLY FOR CONDUCTING

SPECTROSCOPIC MEASURMENTS

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2006, the time for response thereto being extended in accordance with the concurrently submitted petition for extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

 $\label{eq:Amendments} Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.$

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.